

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO BEGIE HEFNER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Begie Hefner. Ms. Hefner will be honored by the Salvation Army at their annual dinner on May 9, 2018 with the Lifetime Membership Award.

Begie is the only person in the Des Moines area with a Red Kettle bearing her name and hosts open houses before Christmas, encouraging all her friends to give to The Salvation Army. In 2012, her Red Kettle generated more than \$17,000. Because of her selflessness, the Des Moines group changed their volunteer award to the Begie Hefner Award.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Begie Hefner for receiving this outstanding award and for her continued commitment to the Salvation Army and all it stands for. I am proud to represent her, and Iowans like her, in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Begie Hefner and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

HELENE REED

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2018

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Helene Reed of Williamstown, Gloucester County, located in the First Congressional District of the Great State of New Jersey, for her decades of public service to local and county government.

At the time of her passing on April 28, 2018, Helene Reed was serving as the Gloucester County Surrogate, a position to which she was first elected in 2008, becoming the first woman to ever hold that title.

Prior to the role of Gloucester County Surrogate, Helene Reed served as Gloucester County Freeholder for nine years, and as the first female Monroe Township Councilmember, holding that post for nine years, with some of her tenure including service as Council President.

Preceding her public service, Helene Reed attended Rutgers University where she was certified in Hospital Access Manager, which led to a career as Director of Admissions at Kennedy Hospital, Washington Township Division, now known as Jefferson Hospital.

In the community she both loved and called home, Helene Reed served with distinction on: the Rowan University Board of Trustees, President of the New Jersey Association of Counties & the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey, chairperson of the Monroe

Township Welfare Board, member of the: Monroe Township Planning Board, Monroe Township Zoning Board, Monroe Township Administrative Committee, and as commissioner to the Tri-County Joint Insurance Fund.

Helene Reed was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, trailblazer, pioneer, role model, and exceptional public servant who was a tireless advocate for others, and will be deeply missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join with me in mourning the loss and honoring the legacy of the late Helene Reed.

CONGRATULATING SILSBEE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2018

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Silsbee High School for winning their second-straight Class 4A State Basketball Championship on March 10, 2018 against Dallas Carter at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. There is no doubt it takes an incredible amount of persistence, hard work, passion and skill to accomplish such a feat. These young men have shown all of these qualities and I applaud each and every one of them. I would like to personally recognize each team member, the coaching staff and Silsbee school officials by including their names in the RECORD:

Players: K'Drian Cartwright, Devon McCain, Braelon Bush, Jordyn Adams, Tre' Lowe, Adonis Thomas, Jadon Bass, Landyn Tyler, Chris Martin, Tyrese Harmon, Aaron Sells, Malik Samuel, Decoby Jones and Kalon Barnes; Head Coach: Joe Sigler; Assistant Coach: Ira Brooks; Assistant Coach: James Collins; Statistician: Jacob Brooks; Athletic Director: Randy Smith; Athletic Trainer: John "Doc" Williamson; Student Camera: Johnathan Hageon; Student Trainer: Brittany Stephens; Silsbee High School Principal: Paul Trevino; Superintendent: Richard Bain Jr.; Board of Trustees President: James de Garavilla; Board of Trustees Vice President: Sam Edd Harrell; Board of Trustees Secretary: Janis Holt; Board of Trustees Members: Derrell Ferguson, Dana Hancock, Tom Hardy, and Sherrie Taylor.

I wish each student continued success on and off the basketball court. Go Tigers.

OATH OF CITIZENSHIP ON MAY 11, 2018

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who will take their oaths of citizenship on May 11, 2018. This memorable occasion will be held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On May 11, 2018, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, will take their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Kashif Javed, Tetiana Ivanovna Olszewski, Leticia San Pascual Santos, Tariq Javed, Mario Isabel Garcia, Emilija Muvceski, Naiyang Ma, Ahmed Mohamed Abdalla, Sung Gun Wang, Missin Mahu Ruth Hountin, Florencia Stoll, Sheku Abraham Swaray, Bradley Dennis Smith, Aruna Thinakkal, Elizabeth Salceda, Vaibhav Agarwal, Charu Agarwal, Amitava Krishna Dutt, Natalia Yopez Frias, Dima Yasin, Nezira Zigic, Yessica Edely Garcia, Kerwin Otis Sheldon Huggins, Martha Isabel Carlton, Pauline Shelliann Montique, Ricardo Almanza, Hui Min Justina Bernadette Barkley, Hugo Enrique Gonzalez, Pete Nikolovski, and Caleb Ikenna Okoli.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who will become citizens of the United States of America on May 11, 2018. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

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